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SUBJ: U.S.-YUGOSLAV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

1. ORGANIZING MEETING OF U.S.MAYUGOSLAV CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALLED BY SECRETARY DENT WAS HELD AT COMMERCE ON APRIL 4. NINETEEN LEADING INDUSTRIALISTS AND BANKERS ATTENDED, INCLUDING CHAIRMAN OF BOARDS OF SEVERAL LARGEST U.S. CORPORATIONS. SECRETARY DENT OPENED MEETING AND LATER INTRODUCED YUGOSLAVE AMBASSADOR TOMA GRANFIL, WHO JOINED GROUP AT THE END AND EXPRESSED HIS COUNTRYMEN'S ENTHUSIASM FOR PROJECT.

2. GROUP ELECTED A BOARD OF DIRECTORS WITH G.E. INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, JOHN BURLINGAME AS ACTING CHARMAN. THREE COMMITTEES - EXECUTIVE, MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE, AND PROGRAM - WERE FORMED. THE COMMITTEES WILL OFFER SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR

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ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE TO THE ENTIRE GROUP AT NEXT MEETING

SCHEDULED FOR EARLY JULY.

3. SUGGEST YUGOSLAVS BE INFORMED THAT HENCEFORTH MATTERS CONCERNING THIS NEW ORGANIZATION WILL BE HANDLED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS THROUGH MR. ADRIAN BASORA, GENERAL ELECTRIC CO., 570 LEXINGTON AVENUE, NY, NY 10022; TELEX: GECO 126272; CABLE, RCA NO. 23547. BASORA HAS BEEN DESIGNATED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRO TEM.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT FROM EMBASSY ON CURRENT STATUS OF COUNTERPART YUGOSLAV ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING NAME OF OFFICER SELECTED FOR LIAISON PURPOSES. ALSO REQUEST RECOMMENDATION FOR INITIATING LIAISON. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PREFERS NOT REPEAT NOT TO COME TO BELGRADE AT THIS TIME. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE NAMES OF ALL U.S. FIRMS KNOWN TO EMBASSY TO BE POTENTIALLY POTENTIAL MEMBERS. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE PASSED TO BASORA.

5. SUGGEST EMBASSY CONTINUE TO SEND ANY ADDITIONAL PRINTED MATERIAL ON ORGANIZATION TO WASHINGTON AS IT IS PUBLISHED.

6. MINUTES OF ORGANIZING MEETING AND RELATED DOCUMENTS WILL BE SENT BY MAIL. KISSINGER

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